

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method comprising:

a) accepting first viewer input for recording a first program; and

b) recording the first program and a second program responsive to the first viewer

5 input

wherein the first program is recorded in a personal channel and the second program is recorded in a hidden channel.

2. (cancelled without prejudice) The method as recited in claim 1 further

10 comprising the steps of:

a) accepting second viewer input to display the first program; and

b) displaying the first program and the second program responsive to the second viewer input.

15 3. (cancelled without prejudice) The method as recited by claim 2 further comprising the step of displaying a promotional for the second program prior to displaying the second program.

4. (cancelled without prejudice) The method as recited by claim 3 wherein the
20 promotional is displayed during the first program.

5. (cancelled without prejudice) The method as recited by claim 3 wherein the promotional is displayed following the first program and before the second program.

6. (cancelled without prejudice) The method as recited by claim 1 wherein the second program, is broadcast immediately following the first program.

5 7. (cancelled without prejudice) The method as recited by claim 1 wherein the second program is broadcast at different time than immediately following the first program.

8. (cancelled without prejudice) The method as recited by claim 7 wherein the second program is broadcast at a later time than the first program.

10 9. (cancelled without prejudice) The method as recited by claim 7 wherein the second program is broadcast at an earlier time than the first program.

10. (cancelled without prejudice) The method as recited by claim 1 wherein the first
15 and second programs are recorded in a personal channel.

11. (cancelled without prejudice) The method as recited by claim 1 wherein the first program is recorded in a personal channel and the second program is recorded in a hidden channel.

20 12. (currently amended) A video playback device comprising:
a) storage means for storing programs for playback;

b) selection means for allowing selection by a viewer of a first program for recording; and

c) control means for controlling the video playback device to record a second program responsive to the viewer selection of the first program for recording

5 wherein the second program is linked to the first program.

13. (cancelled without prejudice) The video playback device as recited by claim 12 wherein the second program is linked to the first program.

10 14. (cancelled without prejudice) The video playback device as recited by claim 12 wherein the second program is broadcast immediately following the first program.

15 15. (currently amended) A video recorder comprising:

a) an input for receiving a video signal, the video signal comprising a plurality of programs;

b) a storage device for storing selected ones of the plurality of programs;

c) a processor; and

d) a stored program for controlling the processor, the stored program including first instructions for accepting user input for selection of a first program to be stored and second instructions for causing a second program to be recorded responsive to the user input

20 wherein the second program is linked to the first program.

16. (cancelled without prejudice) The video recorder as recited by claim 15 wherein the second program is linked to the first program.

17. (cancelled without prejudice) The video recorder as recited by claim 15 wherein
5 the second program is broadcast immediately following the first program.

18. (currently amended) A method for encouraging audience flow comprising:

- a) accepting viewer input for selection of a first program for recording;
- b) recording a second program responsive to selection of the first program for
10 recording

wherein the second program is linked with the first program.

19. (cancelled without prejudice) The method as recited by claim 18 wherein the second program is linked with the first program.

20. (currently amended) The method as recited by claim 18 ~~19~~ wherein the second program is broadcast before the first program.

21. (currently amended) The method as recited by claim 18 ~~19~~ wherein the second
20 program is broadcast after the first program.

22. (cancelled without prejudice) The method as recited by claim 18 wherein the second program is broadcast immediately following the first program.

23. (cancelled without prejudice) The method as recited by claim 18 further comprising the steps of:

- a) accepting second user input requesting display of the first program;
- b) displaying the first program responsive to the second user input;
- and
- c) displaying the second program following display of the first program.

24. (cancelled without prejudice) The method as recited by claim 18 further comprising the step of displaying a promotional message for the second program.

25. (cancelled without prejudice) The method as recited by claim 24 wherein the promotional message is displayed before display of the first program.

26. (cancelled without prejudice) The method as recited by claim 24 wherein the promotional message is displayed after display of the first program.

27. (cancelled without prejudice) A method for encouraging audience flow:

- a) accepting user input requesting display of first program; and
- b) displaying the first program and a second program responsive to the second user input.

28. (cancelled without prejudice) The method as recited by claim 27 further comprising the step of displaying a promotional message for the second program.

29. (cancelled without prejudice) The method as recited by claim 28 wherein the promotional message is displayed before the display of the first program.

30. (cancelled without prejudice) The method as recited by claim 30 wherein the promotional message is displayed after display of the first program.